Cataract-free Zone

1141. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in "The Economic Times", dated October 27, 1992 to the effect that Faridabad (Haryana) District attained the distinction of the country's second 'Cataract-free Zone';

(b) whether Government have taken note of the claim by the voluntary health project Nayantara that the entire country could be liberated from the sourage of cataract within four years if two base camp hospitals in primary health centres (PHCs) in each district and voluntary organisations are motivated to join hands; and

(c) if so, whether Government are initiating any such projects elsewhere in the country especially in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The removal of the backlog of cataract cases has been handled successfully in some parts of the country. However, different strategies which inter-alia include the base hospital strategy and camp approach have proved successful on a location specific basis. The State Governments are undertaking cataract removal programme within the ambit of National Programme for Control of Blindness. The Government of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka have already formulated preliminary proposals for an intensive programme for prevention and control of Blindness in their states.

Barring Parents with above two children from holding electoral office

1412. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY .

SHRI J. S. RAJU :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision was taken by the National Development Council to debar those with more than two children from holding any electoral office; and

(b) if so, whether the modalities of implementing the decision have been worked out.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Hospital of Hazards

1413. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which published in the Indian Express of the 16th November, 1992 under the caption "Hospital of Hazards";

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government have taken so far to check deterioration of service in All India Institute of Medical Sciences and other Government hospitals in Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The report relates to various matters with particular reference to infection levels in the C.T.V.S. and Neurology Department of AIIMS.

(c) Insofar as the AIIMS is concerned, the Hospital Infection Control Committee of the Institute has reviewed the matter in detail and found the samples obtained from the C.T.V.S. Department within acceptable limits. It was found that the C.T.V.S. Centre has followed all the standard procedures and norms of sterilisation and fumigation as laid down by the said Committee. As regards other Government hospitals in Delhi, the Hospital Management Department/Cell/Committee/Administration oversee that the sanitary conditions in and around the hospitals are hygienic and free from infection Efforts are made each year to upgrade the